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Serial Nos. Two

Part B for June 1923.

SUBJECT

Representation of the Central Committee of the South Mysore, North Mysore and Bababudan Planters Associations.

Sl 2) To the President, Central Committee Mysore Planters' Association, Mercara.

Acknowledges receipt of the above. (Sl 1)

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FILE HEADING.

Representation of the Central Committee of the Southern, Northern & Bababudan Planters Associations

From

The President, Central Committee of Planters Associations

No. Dated 6th January 1923 Received 9.6.23

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

With respect to the recommendations of the Committee re the representation for planting Community forwards certain suggestions for securing adequate representation of the Community.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) The Committee have proposed two seats for European Planters in the L.C. & one seat for the planting Community comprising owners of estates of 50 acres & upwards under coffee, tea etc.

2) In the representation received the Central

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Committee of the Association, express gratitude for the grant recommended & request that the three Associations collectively may be granted one seat in the Legislative Council. They are further of opinion that the constituency proposed viz "Owners of 50 acres & upwards under coffee etc" would include a very large number of Europeans who, though owning such land, do not cultivate it & are therefore not actual planters, & a very large number whose main interests are other agriculture, trade etc & who would therefore be adequately represented in rural, district & other Constituencies: they add that the Committee's proposals would not secure this by including planters in a category too wide & not representative of Planting interests pure & simple.

3) In another file orders have been solicited regarding this matter & suggestion has been made to nominate a member from the Community in case they fail to secure a seat in the general elections.

4) The Central Committee have suggested some alterations in the proposed election Rules. They are as follows:-

i The Committee propose that the

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associations seeking representation should have been registered under the Societies Registration Regn. or Co-operative Societies Regn. The Planters Association urges that in as much as registration of associations is recognised in principle under the Companies Regn, that Regulation may be declared an alternative to the one mentioned in the Report. This is for orders

ii Re the number of members forming the association, the Planters Association urges that the recommendation to recognise the Association even though it may have less number of members may be adopted.

iii Re the meetings of such associations, the Planters Association request that the general meetings of the associations may be recognised

iv The rules proposed for elections recognise the right of manager of a Hindu family to exercise the vote. The Planters Association request that the managers of estates whose owners are resident outside Ceylon may be allowed to exercise the vote.

v They approve of the provision for recording votes by post.

Please put up tomorrow
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Submitted for orders
Box
9.6.23.

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1. Inform the Presdt., Central Com. of Planters' Assocn., that the representations of the Central Com. will be duly considered by Govt.

2. Practically all the representations appear to be acceptable but Work up & Submit

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Read with a draft. in the first instance.

Asst 19/6/23. PB 19/6

Issue Govt. as revised. Let this be a standard draft in all similar cases.

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2. The President. Central Committee Mysore Planters' Association. Kudremukh

Letter. No. 1130. Dt. 20. 6. 1923.

Acknowledges the receipt of the Communication refd to in Sl 1.

Points requiring orders have been noted upon

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This is the proposal of of the Committee by a majority. Three members have differed from the majority.

In fixing the membership at 100, the majority observing wish to secure that the Assocn. seeking recognition is really representative of a community or special interest & is not a tom-a-pie assocn. This limit may be insisted upon in all cases except where Govt feel that a relaxation of the limit is called for. For it is not easy to fix a limit with absolute exactitude. What is really wanted is that Govt. shd. have power to fix a limit in each case. The words "or such other figure as may

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(3) That the meetings of the assoc" shall be held ~~general meetings may be~~ ~~required~~ on each day of the Manager com. or of the Quarterly.

This may be accepted

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Aldur P.O.,
Kadur District,
Mysore State,
6th June, 1923.

From The President, Central Committee, Mysore Planters' Associa-tions,

To The Chief Secretary to The Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the South Mysore, North Mysore and Bababudin Planters' Associations I have the honour to submit to you the following representations in connection with the Report of the Committee appointed to work out the details of the scheme of Constitutional Developement in Mysore, and trust that they will receive your careful consideration -

Firstly. With reference to the Recommendations of the Committee, I. Representative Assembly, No. 11, (vi), (b) on page 123 and (h) on page 124 : - Two of our Associations being already incorporated and registered under the Mysore Companies Regulation VIII of 1917, we request that this Regulation may be declared an alternative to those mentioned in the Report.

Secondly. With reference to the Recommendations of the Committee, I. Representative Assembly, No. 11, (vi), (d) on page 124 : - We request that the recommendation reading "or such other figure as may from time to time be fixed by Government" be adopted.

Thirdly. With reference to the Recommendations of the Committee, I. Representative Assembly, No. 11, (vi), (e) on page 124 : - As our Associations transact most of their business by means of general meetings rather than by committee meetings, we request that

the words "and/or general meetings of the Association" be inserted after the word "Association" in that paragraph.

Fourthly. With reference to the Recommendations of the Committee, II. Legislative Council, No. 3, (i), (a), the Note and Explanation on page 133 : - We request that these provisions as to partnership be incorporated in the qualifications for voters in the Planting Constituency, and further that in those similar cases in which the owners of planting estates are resident outside Mysore State their resident managers, on the owners' written authority, be allowed to exercise the right of voting pertaining to the estates concerned.

Fifthly. With reference to Annexure II to the Report, Part IV, No. 20, (a) on page 175 : - We would support most strongly the Committee's provision for the recording of votes by post.

Sixthly. With reference to the Recommendations of the Committee, II. Legislative Council, No. 2, "Planting Constituency" on page 132 : - This provides for the Planting Member of the Legislative Council being elected by "owners of 50 acres and upwards under coffee, tea, cardamom and rubber". This definition would include a very large number of Indians who, though owning such land, do not cultivate it and are therefore not actual planters, and a very large number whose main interests are other agriculture, trade and commerce, and professions and who would therefore be adequately represented in rural, district, urban, trade and commerce, and university constituencies - in many cases probably in most of them. On the other hand, the European Planting Community, whose sole preoccupation is planting in which all it's members are actually and actively engaged, would be in practice unrepresented except by it's Planting Member. The Eur-

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-opean Planters' long-established presence has been and will continue to be a source of prosperity in the Mulnaad and, although they may be few in numbers, their stake in the country is very large. This community is both a "special interest" and a "minority" that should be adequately represented, but the Committee's proposal would not secure this by including it in a category too wide and not repres-entative of Planting interests pure and simple.

The Report recommends that our three Associations be granted two members in the Representative Assembly, but, while grateful for this recognition, we request definitely and would urge most strongly that our three Associations collectively be granted one seat in the Legislative Council. We venture to think that the Legislative Council would be strengthened by the membership of a practical, active and responsible representative of a "special minority" exclusively en-gaged in a most important industry of which the welfare is bound up with and at the same time contributes to the general prosperity of Mysore.

In conclusion I have the honour to express our regret that so short a time has been afforded to the public for discussion of and submission of representations on the Report and to ask that it may be extended if possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C.H. Godfrey

President, Central Committee, Mysore Planters' Associations.

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No. 1130.

The President, Central Committee,
Tuyone Planters' Association
Adur. P.O. Kandy

Date of issue 20. 6. 1923.

Signed by Mr. R. R.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication noted in the margin, ~~and to state that the matter~~ representations referred to therein will ~~receive early attention~~ be duly considered by Govt.

I have etc.,

RR
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for Chief Secretary to Government.

No. Nil date 6.6.23

Subject Re representations re the recommendations of the Reforms Committee

Bm
19.6.23